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New Brockton Man Charged

With Assault On Officer

A New Brockton man, Johnny B. Harris, age 38, was arrested on Tuesday afternoon, March 20, and charged with Assault on a Police Officer and Presenting a Firearm on a Police Officer.

According to New Brockton Police Chief Gordon Lueck, the drama began when New Brockton Police Commissioner L. A. Adkinson, was called to respond to a family disturbance on Morton Street. When Commissioner Adkinson, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Bobby Whigham, arrived at the scene, they discovered that Harris had barricaded himself behind his home and was armed with at least one firearm. Harris was in a grown-up area near an old shed, and was barricaded from anyone trying to approach the area.

Chief Lueck was in Enterprise working on a juvenile case when the officers radioed in of the problem, and Lueck radioed for everyone to leave Harris alone until he could arrive at the scene.

After arriving, Chief Lueck shouted to Harris and asked if he could approach unarmed to talk things over. Lueck walked up to Harris and began talking, while Harris reportedly pointed a loaded shotgun at the chief. After approximately 15 minutes of talking, Harris was persuaded to unload the shotgun, but he kept a 22 rifle loaded and at his side. Chief Lueck reported it was obvious that Harris also had a large knife in his pocket.

During the time Lueck was talking with Harris, law enforcement officers from Elba, Enterprise, and the Sheriff's Department, as well as a forest ranger were circling the area. Harris reportedly spotted the officers and reloaded the shotgun. Lueck quickly told the officers to back away, and again tried to convince Harris to give himself up.

After approximately 30-40 minutes of talking, Harris agreed to come to the New Brockton Police Station, but only if he could come in his car. Harris then drove to the police station, with his guns on the seat later.

Harris entered the station, which had been emptied except for law officers, who left his guns in the car. When Chief Lueck told Harris he would have to go to Elba and talk with the sheriff, Harris attempted to escape and refused to be handcuffed.

After six law officers physically subdued Harris in the hallway of the station, he was handcuffed and prepared for transfer to the County Jail, in Elba. Chief Lueck added that after Harris was handcuffed, the man shouted, "If I get out of jail, I'll kill you!"

Harris was taken to the County Jail and is being held on \$5,100 bond. Chief Lueck told THE ELBA CLIPPER that his department had received complaints lately that Harris had become violent and neighbors had expressed a fear of the man. Lueck had talked with Harris' father, but the Chief reported that Harris refused to talk.

No Charges Filed

In Weekend

Stabbing, Beating

The Elba Police Department was kept busy last weekend as it responded to a stabbing on Saturday night and a beating on Sunday night, but oddly enough, both victims refused to file arrest warrants against their assailants.

The stabbing took place at Mulberry Heights gym at 8:41 p.m., and Willie Lewis Wilson was rushed to Elba General Hospital with severe wounds. Wilson was transferred to Southeast General Hospital, in Dothan, where emergency surgery was performed. Wilson, age 30, was stabbed in the chest, and the knife reportedly pierced a lung and the heart. Several people were near the scene of the stabbing, but apparently no one saw who attacked Lewis. Lewis later refused to press charges against his attacker.

Sunday night, March 18, at 8:35 p.m., police were called to the home of Ms. Betty Jean Magwood, who had been beaten over the head with a pistol. Ms. Magwood suffered numerous bruises and head lacerations and was taken to Elba General Hospital, where she was treated and released. Police authorities reported that Magwood apparently got in an argument with a male companion and was attacked. Ms. Magwood refused to press charges.



Pilot Club Makes Donation To Local Rescue Squad

Agnes Wilson, president of the Pilot Club of Elba, and Barbara Hudson, Fund-Raising Chairman present

a donation in behalf of the club to the Elba Rescue Squad. Fred Moore, captain of the Squad, accepts the check.

Man, Woman Of Year Banquet Set For Saturday



BRUCE



BOYCE



CROWE



DEAL



HENDERSON



BRUCE



COX



HENDERSON



HOLDERFIELD



MOSELEY

The Pilot Club of Elba is sponsoring the 5th annual Man and Woman of the Year Banquet Saturday, March 24, at 7 p.m. at the Elba Elementary auditorium.

This year's nominees are William Bruce, Jr., nominated by New Era Jr. Women's Club, Magnolia Garden Club and Three Seasons Study Club; Doug Holderfield, nominated by BPW and Jaycees; Neil Henderson, nominated by American Legion; Ferrin Cox, nominated by the Pilot Club; Dale Moseley, nominated by the Jaycees; Lucy Brueckner, nominated by Magnolia Garden Club; Linda Boyce, nominated by BPW, Three Seasons Study Club and Jaycees; Dixie Deal, nominated by Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa; Shirley Henderson, nominated by American Legion; and Nancy Crow, nominated by the Pilot Club.

Also to be recognized and given awards this year will be "Policeman of the Year," "Fireman of the Year," "Rescue Squad Volunteer of the Year," and "County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year." These winners will be selected by their peers, and Man and Woman winners will be selected by out-of-town judges. Winners will not be known until they are announced at the banquet.

Representative Jimmy Holley will be guest speaker for the occasion.

Reservations can be made by calling Agnes Wilson, 897-2759; Marie Asher, 897-6043; or Sybil Stivers, 897-6082, by Thursday, March 22. Price of the meal is \$6.00. The public is invited and encouraged to participate and support their favorite nominees.

Lucy Brueckner is the wife of Robert D. Brueckner, manager of Information Systems for Dorsey Trailers. They moved to Elba several years ago from Chattanooga, Tennessee, and make their home on Cherokee Lane with their two children.

Mrs. Brueckner is active in the Elba Methodist Church and is coordinator in the Women's Center of Enterprise State Junior College in the Elba and New Brockton area. She is active in a number of civic and social clubs.

Linda Boyce is the wife of Dr. James Boyce, the first of Elba's two doctors who chose Elba, Alabama, over their native Canada. Mrs. Boyce is the mother of three children, is active in church and the schools. She is currently heading a committee for procuring a new public library facility, serving by appointment of the Elba City Council. She heads the Parents Forum, interested in improving the public schools of Elba, and has led several fund-raising drives for charitable organizations.

Nancy Crowe, wife of Dale Crowe, and mother of two children, is a teacher in the Elba school system, as is her husband. She serves as Secretary-Treasurer for the Elba Education Association, is active in local civic clubs, church and professional associations. She is a native of Atmore, Alabama, and a graduate of Troy State University, with both a Bachelors and Masters degree in education.

Dixie Deal is a retired school teacher, having taught in public schools for 26 years. She retired from the Elba school system in 1973 and has served as president of Elba Teachers Association. She continued on page 2

Council Shown Plans For New Schools

The Elba City School Board has prepared a master plan for the construction of a new high school and junior high school. The plans were drawn by Mr. Luther Hill of Montgomery

and unveiled for the first time to the Elba City Council at the regular meeting of the Council Tuesday night.

Mayor Robert Folsom introduced the plan to the

City Council Again

Argues Recreation

The Elba City Council met Tuesday night with all members present and voting. The first order of business was the routine approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, and a report from Mayor Robert Folsom on several ongoing projects. These include work on raising the level of the levee 14 inches and filling a gully at the airport and school.

The Elba School Board presented their plan for the new school (covered in the accompanying story).

Members of the Elba Masonic Lodge met again with the council as requested, and discussed both repairing the roof and also selling their part of the building to the City of Elba. The museum on the upstairs of the city hall building, and both they and the city share the repair on the roof. The estimated cost of repairing the roof range from \$30,000 up, but several councilmen felt there was some misunderstanding and urged further checking of this.

John Frank Hudson presented the council with two written appraisals on the value of the upstairs portion of the building and offered to sell the city the Masonic part for the compromise figure about halfway between the two appraisals. This would cost the city \$25,000 plus one acre of land suitable for building a

new Lodge home.

The council took no action but promised to continue the discussion with the Masons later.

Recreation Director Dennis Smith presented his plan for operating the summer program to the council and asked for permission to proceed with it as he had outlined, buying supplies from the lowest, best supplier. He announced plans for men and women's softball leagues, minor league for boys age 7, 8 & 9; girls softball, age 10, 11 & 12; and the Dixie Youth and Babe Ruth programs. He also told of plans to open the two swimming pools with qualified life guards.

After an hour of heated debate between the mayor and council and efforts to word a motion legally and to everyone's satisfaction, the council did, in fact, approve Smith's plan and authorize him to proceed with his work and to make the necessary purchases through the city clerk as he had requested.

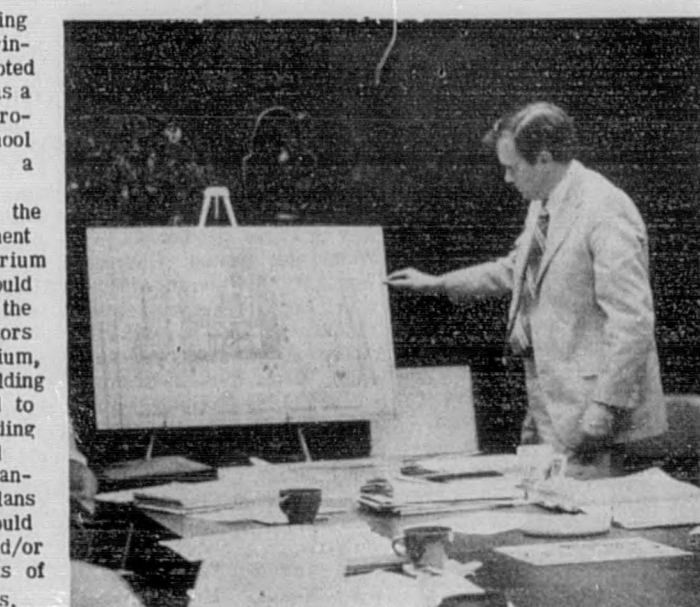
The two-week-old motion forbidding any purchase over two hundred dollars without approval of the council was discussed by Councilman D.M. English, who was absent when the motion was passed. English felt the motion was illegal. No action was taken on this, however.

Council and before turning the meeting over to Superintendent Elmer Taylor, noted that in his opinion this was a great plan and the most progressive matter the school board had presented in a number of years.

Estimated cost of the new facility to complement the gym, new cafeteria and vocational building would be \$1,599,300. Hill told the City Council and visitors that the existing cafeteria, gym, and vocational building were ideally located to fit the plan for rebuilding the rest of the school and look the part of a well planned facility. Alternate plans shown to the Council would cost almost as much and/or leave out important parts of the total needed facilities.

One of these plans, designated Plan B, would use the existing auditorium and use classrooms for a media center (library). Even then it would cost \$1,343,600. Another plan, Plan C, would cut the cost to \$796,500 but would be for the senior high and a media center but would do away completely with the auditorium and would postpone the new junior high. In this plan the junior high and auditorium would not be built until additional funds were available.

The first plan presented included over thirty new classrooms in the senior high and junior high, a media center, auditorium, administrative offices, rest rooms, cover walks, some paving and adapting to the three buildings to be maintained. The new facility would be built basically on the same places as the existing buildings. It would include 54,480 square feet of heated floor space, 9,408 square feet of covered walkways and 14,800 feet of walks. The auditorium would be slightly larger than the existing auditorium. The two classroom buildings would be in L shapes with the media



HILL SHOWS MASTER SCHOOL PLAN

center and auditorium located inside these L's. All would be tied to the cafeteria, vocational building and gym by covered walkways. Gates would be installed at strategic locations to close off the interior areas when the schools were closed.

Specially equipped areas would be constructed for biology, physics and chemistry labs and for Art and music.

The school board has on hand earmarked at the state level \$392,839 of construction funds. None of these funds are involved in the protraction that Governor Russell declared for the Alabama public schools. Add to this the estimated amount that

Residents Warned To Burn Carefully

Because of the recent rains we have had across Coffee County, we tend to forget that this is our worst time of year for forest wildfires, Wayne Roberts, Alabama Forestry Commission supervisor said today.

Traditionally the period between now and April, when things green-up, is the hottest time for forest fires in Coffee County," he said. "This is true all over Alabama," Roberts explained.

SOCIALS



Mrs. Darnell

Miss Cynthia Stokes & Mr. Conie Mac Darnell United In Holy Matrimony

Miss Cynthia Stokes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson William Stokes and Mrs. William Reese Darnell of Montgomery, were united in holy matrimony at 3 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, March 10, at the Elba United Methodist Church in a ceremony performed by Dr. John Ed Mathison of Montgomery.

To mark the wedding hour, Thomas Tatom, cousin of the bride, rang the church bells and lighted the altar candles. While the guests assembled, Mrs. Lloyd Thompson McMurtrie of Huntsville sang several songs, accompanying herself on the guitar.

The central feature of the church decorations was a pair of brass altar vases which were placed on tall pedestals on either side of the altar. They were filled with deep pink roses, pink and white daisies and eucalyptus leaves. On each end of the communion rail was an arrangement of large, green aspidistra leaves from which rose a single white candle. The choir loft was decorated with a tiered candelabrum holding seventeen white candles flanked by arrangements of candles and greenery similar to those on the communion rail.

The Rev. Jeffrey Lee Darnell of Nashville, violinist, Mrs. Darnell, vocalist, and Mrs. Frank Harris of Nashville, pianist, presented a repertoire of music for their bride's wedding. Their renditions included "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us," and "Sweet, Sweet Spirit." They were accompanied by Mrs. Kenneth Baker at the organ, who also played "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring," as the processional, and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" as the recessional. During the prayer, the Rev. Gary Brown, the groom's brother-in-law, of Mobile, sang, "My Tribute." Mrs. Frank Harris, sister of the groom, gave a recitation, "Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding gown of ivory organza. The sleeves and vestment lace of the bodice formed a low rounded neckline, which was outlined in heavy satin braid. The illusion which filled in the neckline ended in a high Victorian collar. Satin braid outlined the cap sleeves and created a double border on the bottom of the full skirt. Lace was lavishly applied on the skirt and chapel train. The veil of silk illusion which was highlighted by a scalloped satin border and a double row of seed pearls was caught to a Juliet cap of lace. She carried a cascade bouquet of roses, dog-

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Betsy Baxley, Mr. Tim Baxley, Miss JoAnn Brazelton, of Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Wilfred Morrow of Phenix City, Alabama; Dr. and Mrs. Joe Chastain, Miss Troy Chastain, Mr. Eric Chastain of Columbus, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Darnell of Selma, Alabama; Mrs. Keith Lewis of Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris of Nashville, Tennessee; Mr. Tony Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Barrett of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Bridesmaid Luncheon

The bridesmaids of Miss Cynthia Stokes were honored with a luncheon in the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Raymond Tatom. Other bridesmaids were Mrs. Oscar Vaughan, Jr. and Mrs. Fred Young. The luncheon took place at noon Saturday, March 10th. The guests were served a cup of hot wassail upon arriving.

Cynthia's wedding gifts were on display in her aunt's home, and the guests enjoyed looking at and talking about them.

The dining rooms were decorated with crystal chandeliers containing arrangements of pink daisies, camellias, greenery and baby's breath on beautiful hand-made eucalyptus. After a time of visiting, the guests were served a delightful lunch.

Bachelor's Luncheon

Mr. Conie Mac Darnell was entertained with a bachelor's luncheon at noon on Saturday, March 10th, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Lamar Stokes. Twenty-five guests enjoyed the luncheon, which featured a menu of smoked turkey and ham, topped off with a six-layer chocolate cake. At this occasion, the groom presented gifts to members of the wedding party.

Afternoon - Rehearsal Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. William Reese Darnell entertained the wedding party at a rehearsal dinner at the home of Mr. Conie Mac Darnell and the members of their wedding party at a rehearsal dinner on Friday evening, March 5. The fellowship hall in the Elba United Methodist Church's educational building was the setting for the fifty-five guests. Hors d'oeuvres were served on a white linen covered table decorated with straw flowers and green satin ribbon. Guests were invited to buffet table and were seated with the bride and groom and their parents at places of honor at the head table.

Later in the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Conie Mac Darnell left for a wedding trip to Mexico. The young couple will be at home at 3864 Governor's Drive in Montgomery. Mrs. Stokes was assisted at the reception by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Kimmie Dorsey, Mrs. Claude Dorsey, Mrs. David Stokes, Mrs. T. M. Miller, Mrs. Oscar Vaughan, Jr.

Out-of-town guests attending the wedding were: Mrs. Ruth Tatom of New Britain; Mrs. Mary Nell Hollis of Brantley, Alabama; Mrs. Wendie Morrow, Ms. Felicia Morrow, Miss Jenny Metcalf, Mrs. Oliver Williams, Mrs. Linda Patterson of Enterprise, Alabama; Mrs. Joe Vann, Mrs. Teresa Tatom, Mr. Lee Jones of Troy, Alabama; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mack Stokes, Mr. Jimmy Baxley, Mr. Paul Thomas of Auburn, Alabama; Mrs. Joe Benton of Opp, Alabama; Master St. Mathison, Miss Barbara York, Mrs. Mary Hammond, Mr. Dale Darnell, Miss Barbara Hudson, Miss Gena Adams, Miss Wendy Anderson, Mr. Richard Cobb, Miss Bunny Cox, Miss Wilma Anderson, Miss Barbara Whitley, Ms. Kathy Gams, Mrs. Lonnie Wiggins, Mrs. Joan Waterson, Mrs. Joe Booth, III, Ms. Esther Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Bobba Dean, Miss Linda Colquett, Miss Cindy Ashcraft, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Vaughan, Ms. Brenda Kennedy, Dr. and Mrs. William Norman, Mrs. J.B. Hammond, Ms. Debbie Turner, Mr. Jack Curtis, Mr. John Hughes, Mr. Curtis Russell, Mr. Jack Washam, Mrs. Harold Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Hammond, Miss Susanne Hammond of Dothan, Alabama; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Stubblefield of Titus, Alabama; Miss Gypsy Morrow, Mr. Bert Morrow, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Mrs. Allen R. Shapiro of Mobile; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baxley, Miss

The gifts were tastefully displayed for everyone to see. Adding to the elegant atmosphere were beautiful flowers professionally arranged by Mrs. Tim Miller. The arrangements consisted of a wedding bell surrounded with daisies on the mantel, a miniature tree with red birds perched on the branches, colored by pink camellias, and an exquisite decorative piece made up of green net rice bags with white muslin.

Approximately seventy-five guests attended during the party hours of 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Linen & Lingerie Shower

On February 20, at 7:00 in the evening, Mrs. Mark Vaughan and Miss Barbara York, both of Montgomery, were hostesses to a Linen and Lingerie Shower honoring Miss Cynthia Stokes, bride-elect of Mr. Conie Mac Darnell. The party was held in the Burke Leigh Clubhouse in Montgomery. Approximately twenty-two guests were present to honor Miss Stokes. Those from Elba were Mrs. J. W. Stokes, mother of the bride; Mrs. Dennis Lawford and Mrs. Jeff Smoker, sisters of the bride, and Mrs. Raymond Tatom, aunt of the bride.

Miscellaneous Tea

A miscellaneous tea honoring Miss Cynthia Stokes was held on February 21, at 3:30 in the home of Mrs. Conie Mac Darnell. Other hostesses included Mrs. Don Waterson, Miss Linda Ross, Ms. Kathy Gams, Mrs. Thern McIntyre, Ms. Rebecca Sides, Mrs. Delos Baker, Mrs. Robert J. Stokes, Jr., and Mrs. Robert J. Stokes, Sr. The guests were served a menu of smoked turkey and ham, topped off with a six-layer chocolate cake. At this occasion, the groom presented gifts to members of the wedding party.

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Standing from left to right - Mrs. Ted Coughlin, Mrs. Charles Bantwell, Mrs. Bonnie Coughlin - seated

Miss Buchanan Honored At Seated Tea

Miss Jane Buchanan, bride-elect of Mr. Jack Edward Brunson, was honored at a seated tea in the home of Mrs. Fred Clark on Tuesday afternoon, March 13, 1979. Assisting Mrs. Clark in entertaining were Mrs. Willard Martin, Mrs. Eris Paul and Mrs. Stanley Prior.

Mrs. Clark greeted the guests and introduced them to Miss Buchanan, her mother, Mrs. Buchanan of Ft. Payne, Alabama, and Mrs. Jack Brunson, mother of the groom-to-be.

The entry of the guests into the dining room where they were served New Orleans coffee and party dainties by Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Prior.

Arrangements of spring flowers were placed through-out the party rooms.

The hostesses presented a gift of hand-painted China to Miss Buchanan.

Granddaughter Of Fullers Is

Terri K. Callaway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Callaway of Sierra Vista, Arizona, was one of the students making the Dean's List with all A's. Terri is a senior, in the School of Communications at the University, and also a graduate of Buena High School. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Fuller of Elba.

Birth

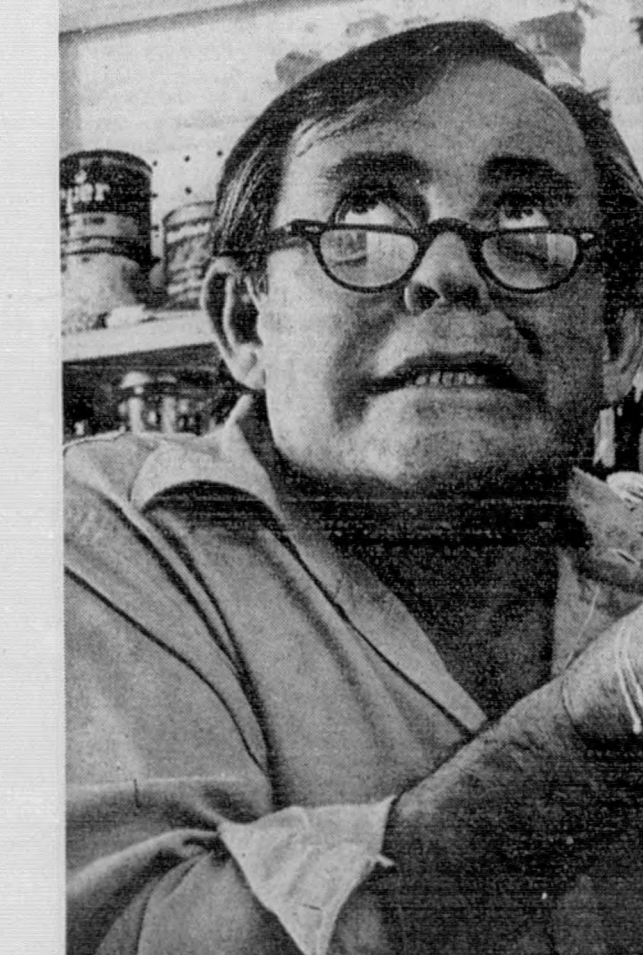
Hope Lane Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Coleman are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Hope Lane. She was born on January 13, 1979 at 3:57 a.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs.

Hope's proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jacobs, Elba; and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coleman, New Brockton.

Hunter, Jay and Tom, of Birmingham, spent the AEA holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Griffin.

Personal

***Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bragg and children - Alan,



His phone is ringing. Unfortunately it's ringing in the living room.

And he's got to put down the birdhouse, the hammer, and climb a flight of stairs to answer it. Too bad! If he had an extension in his workroom, he wouldn't have to work so hard to get it.

If it always seems that the phone is ringing in a room you're not in, maybe you should be thinking about adding extensions. General Telephone offers them in a wide range of styles and colors. And each and every phone is backed by

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SPORTS

Views From THE PRESSBOX



With Ricky Malarz, Sports Editor

I watched football practice Monday and was surprised at the size of our team -- both in numbers and individual size! There were around 55 boys out at the practice, and the coaches had them all working hard. It appears we've got plenty of "beet" in the lineup this season, with several boys tipping the scales at over 200 pounds. If the big guys will stay out and work hard, I'm sure Coach Tyson and Coach Hudson will make 'em tougher and meaner.

The annual Black and Gold game is set for Friday at 1:30, and with all our top notch runners, it should be quite a show.

I was told last week that the skating rink was built with Federal funds and it didn't cost the city a dime. That's good! Maybe they can get our civic clubs to combine their efforts and build a couple of courts for the community. I'm sure all the people want some tennis courts and would pitch in a few pennies to help have 'em built.

The softball season is almost ready to get started, and I keep hearing of more and more teams will enter the Men's League. At last count there were around 16 teams in the League, and somewhere around 4 - 6 teams in the Women's League. It's going to be a big summer of softball, and I urge everybody to get involved.

Plans are being made for a super weekend of sports this summer in Elba, and it should be something else. Right now, we're planning a 16-team men's tournament, a 12-team women's tournament, and a Pea River Canoe Race. Last year, we made a lot of money for the Recreation Department with the softball tournament, and this year we hope we'll make even more.

The Boys' Basketball League ended its season last week and everything went smoothly. All four teams were competitive and the boys all had a good time. The coaches were strictly voluntary and they did a good job. The Recreation Director, Dennis Smith, was there every Saturday morning and refereed all the games. The program was a success, and "Little Boys' basketball is here to stay!

The N.C.A.A. tourney only has four teams left and I don't have any preference on who wins it. I was pulling for Notre Dame to get beat, and now that they have I don't care who wins. However, I'm picking Michigan State to win the national title and Indiana State to finish second.

Till later

Softball Meetings Set For April 2 & 3

Recreation Director Dennis Smith announced this week that softball organizational meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesday, April 2 and 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

Anyone interested in entering a team in the Men's Softball League must be present on Monday, April 2.

The Women's League will hold their meeting on Tuesday, April 3, and all prospective team managers must be present.

Starting dates, schedules and entry fees will be discussed at the meetings, and anyone who plans to enter a team in either league must attend!

Woodland Grove To Host

12 Team Softball Tourney

A 12-team, double-elimination, Men's Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament will be held on March 29-31, at Woodland Grove.

Entry fee for the tourney is \$50 plus one new ball, and anyone wishing to enter a team should contact Mr. J. L.

Johnson at 897-0282. Four trophies will be presented to the top finishers.

Woodland Grove is a small community located approximately 8 miles north of Elba on Coffee County Road 79.

Black & Gold Game Set For Friday

At 1:30

The annual "Black and Gold" intra-squad football game will be held on Friday, March 23, at Tiger Stadium, at 1:30. The game is open to the public, with an admission fee of \$1 per person.

"We plan to let the coaches choose their teams," said Head Coach Mack Wood, "and we will try to put two evenly divided squads on the field. The coaches will alternate picks by position, and it should equalize the teams. We will try to get everyone involved in the game, but a lot of people will have to go both ways. However, by this fall we hope to be able to platoon."

"It will be a basic game," added Wood, "and both teams

will run basic running plays and basic pass patterns. We will try to do a good job on fundamentals. There will be no kicking in the game."

Turning to spring training, Coach Wood stated, "I feel pretty good. Our attitude is good and I think it is a carry over from our good season last year. The young boys are enthusiastic and the older boys are working hard. We haven't had the leadership we'll need, but I expect our veteran players to come through."

"We had a good scrimmage on the Friday before the A.E.A. break," said Coach Wood, "but I'll have to admit we haven't gotten as much done as I'd hoped. We added

a few new things on offense and defense the early part of this week, but we're still doing a lot of work on the basic fundamentals of football. We'll still do some work on team offense and defense, but we won't move anyone around until fall. We've found everyone a position and won't change unless we have to."

"We have been lucky this spring in that we've had no bad injuries," said Wood. David Dorsey missed a couple of days with a hurt arm, but that's the only injury we've had. We're looking forward to the spring game and are hoping to show what we've learned."



Tiger quarterback Russell Kelley hands off during a recent practice session as the Elba gridders prepare for Friday's Black & Gold game.

Cook & New Brockton Battle For 2nd In Men's Basketball

National Security claimed its tenth straight win last week with a 76-62 victory over Cook Chevrolet 7-3; Woodland Grove 62-4; Magic 8 6-4; Controllers 5-5; Dorsey Red 5-5; Dorsey Black 4-6; Woodland Grove 41-46; Jaycees 3-4; Dorsey Blue 3-7; Dorsey

Green 2-8; Dorsey White 1-8.

Dorsey Red 93; Dorsey Blue 68.

The Dorsey Red continued

to dominate the inter-company teams by blasting Dorsey Blue 93-68. The Reds led only 39-37 at the half, but went wild in the third quarter and moved ahead 71-47 to put the game

out of reach. Max Farris poured in 38 points for the Reds, while Jeff Weeks hit 19 for the losers.

Dorsey Red (93): Farris 38, Peterson 26, Caldwell 2, Sanders 10, Sewright 17, Young 8.

Dorsey Blue (66): Free 12, Harrison 14, Carpenter 8, Tillis 10, Weeks 19, Marler 4.

Controllers 73; Dorsey White 49.

The Controllers grabbed an early lead and coasted to a 73-49 win over the Dorsey Whites. The Controllers jumped into a 32-22 halftime bulge and had no trouble in claiming the win. Lenard Goosby scored 30 points to pace the Controllers, while Joe Prior led Dorsey with 16.

Controllers (73): Barnes 23, Goosby 30, Burks 7, DeLoach 10, Culver 2.

Dorsey White (49): Prior 16, Baker 8, Farris 6, Jones 3, Collier 4, Adkinson 4, Young 6.

New Brockton 74; W. Grove 62.

New Brockton pulled away late in the game to claim a hardfought 74-69 win over Woodland Grove 62. Woodland Grove led for most of the game, but Brockton came through in the final stanza for the win. Downing scored 23 points to lead New Brockton while Robert Boyd scored 21 for Woodland Grove.

New Brockton (74): Downing 23, Fillingim 14, Shepard 11, Sanders 13, Simmons 7.

W. Grove (62): Jr. Downing 8, Jk. Downing 14, Hill 4, Brunson 8, Boyd 2, Coleman 14.

National Security 98; Dorsey Black 89.

National Security made it "10-in-a-row" by defeating Dorsey Black 98-89. The fish were caught on plastic worms. Picture by The Tackle Box.

Max and Mike Farris held 23-pounds of fish they caught at the County Pond on plastic worms. Picture by The Tackle Box.

Danny Bear and Ed Bear caught these five lunkers at the County Pond on a "blue Lett's worm." The fish weighed a total of 16 1/2 pounds. Picture by The Tackle Box.

Jerry Parker and Sweet Johnson caught these 28-pounds of fish on a plastic worm at the County Pond. Picture by The Tackle Box.

Scott Chappell holds a 3-pound bass he caught last week at the River. Picture by The Elba Bait Shop.

Kim Johnson holds two bass he caught on a "Beetle Spin" at Sam Mc-

Collough's pond. The fish weighed a total of 2-pounds. Picture by The Tackle Box.

Stevie and Stan Sauls caught these fish in a private pond on live bait. Picture by The Tackle Box.

Hickman Moving & Storage Claims 1st Place In Boy's Basketball League

The Elba Boy's Basketball League ended last week with Hickman Moving & Storage winning the league championship with a 5-1 record. Cook Chevrolet placed second with a 4-2 chart, followed by Kleinerts 3-3 and Dorsey 0-6.



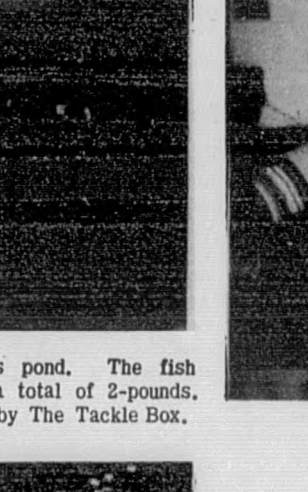
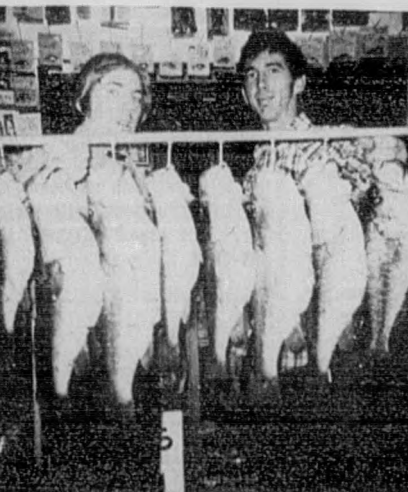
1st Place-Hickman Moving & Storage.....(front row) L-R, Rob Hickman, Chris Moore, Scott Kelley and Mike McCollough. Back row-L-R Coach Larry Grantham, Kevin Kelley, John Hudson, Leroy Cole, Tom Hooks and Coach Jeff Wise. (OTHER TEAMS TO BE FEATURED NEXT WEEK)

by dumping Dorsey 36-23. Dorsey rode the hot-shooting of Art Brunson early in the game and led 8-6 after one quarter. Brunson scored 6 points in the opening stanza. Hickman began to take

command in the second quarter, and by the end of the third quarter owned a big 29-20 lead. Hickman stayed ahead and cruised to the win.

Scoring for Hickman were Kevin Kelley 17, Leroy Cole 11, Mike McCollough 4, John Hudson 2, Scott Kelley 1, and Rob Hickman 1.

Scoring for Dorsey were Terrell Hammonds 6, Mack Phillips 6, Siler 3 and Derek Young 2.



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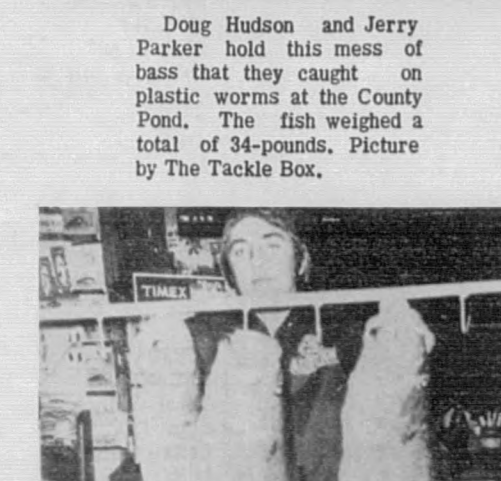
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Turkey Season Opens



What a way to start turkey season! Joe Lee got up early Tuesday morning and before 7:00 a.m., Joe bagged the bird near their farm, and the season. Picture by Mrs. John G. Lee.



Doug Hudson holds three bass he caught at the County Pond that weighed a total of 15-pounds.

Tackle Box To Sponsor Bass Tourney

The Tackle Box, a popular bait and tackle store in Elba, will sponsor a Bass Tournament on April 14, from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at White Oak Landing on Lake Eufaula. The rules of the tourney include:

- (1) Pre-tournament meeting at 5:00 a.m.
- (2) Fish will be weighed by boats, (A) choose your own partner, (B) Limit of 20 fish per boat with a 12-inch size limit with mouth closed.
- (3) Fee will be \$25 per person. Sixty percent of the total money will be given to the first place winners. Thirty percent to the second place winners. Ten percent to the person who catches the largest fish.
- (4) People coming in late will be penalized one point per minute.
- (5) All conservation laws will be followed.
- (6) Only large and small mouth bass will be accepted.
- (7) Only artificial bait will be used.
- (8) Any person caught cheating will be automatically disqualified.
- (9) No trolling.
- (10) Each person will be responsible for his actions on the water.
- (11) Deadline for registration will be April 1, and there will be no refunds.
- (12) Each person will furnish his own life-saving equipment.
- (13) The official timekeeper will be the tournament director.
- (14) The tournament director will be responsible for enforcing the above rules.
- (15) Bait will not be allowed to fish within 50 yards of each other.
- (16) Live wells and boats will be checked before the tournament begins.



Keith Jirright holds two bass that weighed 6 pounds that he caught at the County pond on a plastic worm. Picture by The Tackle Box.



Tommy Carter holds a 7-pound 8 ounce bass he caught at the County pond on a plastic worm. Also pictured are Randy and Junior Carter. Picture by The Tackle Box.



Rickie Brown and Greg Gibson hold seven bass they caught at Little George. Picture by The Elba Bait Shop.



Stevie and Stan Sauls caught these fish in a private pond on live bait. Picture by The Tackle Box.



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Cook Chevrolet vs. Dorsey Red
Dorsey Blue vs. Woodland Grove #1

Monday, March 26

Woodland Grove 2nd vs. Dorsey Black
Dorsey White vs. New Brockton

Tuesday, March 27

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Health Dept. Feels
Money Crunch

Due to the shortage of funds and the necessary cutbacks to balance the health department's budget, the following services will be either cut back or eliminated in the following manner, with the appropriate personnel laid off to balance the budget for this year.

1. The immunization clinics, which last year gave over 11,600 immunizations to the citizens of Coffee County, will be cut from eight clinics a month to two clinics a month, with one clinic in Enterprise and one clinic in Elba. Individuals receiving services will be served on a first-come, first-serve basis. This will be a reduction from the 11,600 given to approximately 2,000 to be given for this coming year.

2. Maternity Clinics and services will be discontinued.

3. Child Health Clinic and services will be discontinued.

4. The possible discontinuance of issuing birth verification and death records. Approximately 3,000 of these are issued per year. Individuals requesting birth verification cards will be given a form to submit to Montgomery, at the fee of \$3.00 per issuance, for certified birth and death records.

5. The reduction of Environmental Protection services by 50 percent. "In discussing this cutback with the Environmental Supervisor, said Health Services Administrator, Kenneth Ball, "I have been informed that restaurant and food inspections will be made on a priority basis and that this division will not be able to maintain the once-a-month inspection and adequate sanitary levels of eating establishments in Coffee County. Special restricted schedules inspections, new construction approvals, water sampling, and other developmental policies will be further stated."

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Mrs. Boyce, Mr. Bruce Capture Local Honors

Mrs. Linda Boyce and Mr. William Bruce, Jr., were

selected as Elba's Woman and Man of the Year Saturday

night at the Pilot Club's fifth

Annual Awards Banquet.

Also honored were Police-

born; Firemen of the Year -



Mrs. Sellars, Mrs. Boyce, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Rainer

County Commission Left Holding Bag On \$12,000
Payment To Retired Tax Assessor Donaldson

The Coffee County Commission has been left holding the bag on a controversial \$12,000 payment to former Tax Assessor, Fred Donaldson, following a ruling by the State Revenue Department this week. It was announced at Monday's commission meeting that the state had disapproved the payment, and that it would not pay its share of the bill.

The \$12,000 payment was made to Donaldson by the county after the former Tax Assessor took legal action to regain alleged losses he incurred during the property reappraisal program. Donaldson stated he was forced to hire extra help and work countless hours during the reappraisal, and that all the added work caused him serious financial problems.

Monday's meeting began at 10:00 a.m. at the Elba courthouse with all commissioners present except Max J. Reeves. Present were Commissioners Glen Grant, Rex Boutwell, Jack Hornsby, Don Smith, and Bennie Beckham, and Probate Judge James L. Sawyer.

The first order of business was to open proposals for the lease/purchase of a front-end loader. The various dealers present got into a discussion with the Commission and attempted to get it to clarify the word, "proposal." All the dealers present reported they gave a base bid, and not a proposal with a 5-year service warranty, as asked for. Due to the confusion, the Commission voted to reject all bids and to advertise for bids to be opened at the next regular meeting.

The Commission also rejected the only bid received for the purchase of two dump trucks. County Coroners Marvin McIlwain and Danny Bradley met with the Commission and asked for an expense allowance.

"We cover this entire county," said McIlwain, "and we would like to ask if you could furnish us with a monthly allowance. We are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and the only way we get a \$12.50 per call and only 15 cents per mile for gas. We're asking for \$100 each, per month, for expenses. We think it is a fair amount."

Coroner Bradley told the Commission the change in pay would have to come through an act of the legislature, and the suit," added Rowe. "You have the power to do so, and the law says you shall do so."

In the added expense, and after no one had an answer, the Commission stated it would check on where the money would come from and report its findings at the next meeting.

County Attorney Bratton Rowe addressed the Commission and stated, "We are bidding for time on the impending lawsuit. In 1907 the Commission was ordered to build a jail in Enterprise, and there is no such jail present. The Commission has the authority to levy a special excise tax to construct public buildings, and the law also states the Commission can 'levy taxes to repair buildings.'"

"The law states you shall construct a jail in the Enterprise division," said Rowe, "and you have the power to impose a tax to pay for its construction. The law states clearly that it is the duty of the county officials, where adequate jail facilities are not present, to levy a tax to repair or rebuild the jail. If the Commission fails to levy a tax where the jail is not adequate, it is guilty of a misdemeanor and can be fined."

Rowe also told the Commission that if it held an election for the people to vote on adding an additional tax to repair the courthouses or build new ones, the expense of the election would be placed on the county seat, and have just one courthouse.

"I urge you, this Commission, to proceed forward in levying a tax to correct the violation mentioned. In the suit," added Rowe, "You have the power to do so, and the law says you shall do so."

The Commission instructed the need for a new landfill was brought up at Monday's meeting, and the Commission urged all county landowners with 20-40 acres of land they wish to sell to contact a commissioner. The landfill now



McIlwain asks for funds

being used is filled, and a new site is needed urgently. The Commission reported it would like to have at least three proposed sites, and that it would lease or buy the needed land.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the Commission:

***was informed the State would pay for the computer terminal used at Elba for the issuance of driver's license (it was earlier reported the county must cover the expense);

***received a good report on the landfill (A score of 223 out of a possible 270);



Councilman Wise & Kenneth Grantham

***was read a poor jail report that pointed out no recreational facilities, no educational facilities and no exercise yard - (Commissioner Don Smith simplified the report by saying "The jail is a mess!");

***heard Leslie Mullins report it would cost \$200,000 to do needed roadwork on county roads 43, 45 and 14, and also heard Engineer Mullins state "We've got to save what we've got or plow 'em up!";

***agreed on the need for a bush hog in every district; ***was told a slab must be replaced at Holley Mill Creek Bridge, and that a total of 18 slabs are cracked;



Councilman Wise & Fred Moore

***was informed a Roadbank Stabilization contract has been let on County Road 14, and; ***agreed minutes.

The Commission will meet in Enterprise for the next three months, at 10:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Councilman Wise & Chief Max Rayborn

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